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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims **1, 3, 5, 17-19, 21-29, 31, 41, 42, 44-47, 67** and **68** are pending.

Claims **1-3, 17-19, 21-31, 41, 42** and **44-47** have been rejected.

Claims **67** and **68** have been allowed.

Claims **4, 5** and **32** have been objected to.

Claims **2, 4, 30** and **32** have been canceled without prejudice in this submission.

Claims **1, 3, 5, 29** and **31** have been amended in this submission. Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 4-5 and 32 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have therefore amended claims 1 and 29 to include the elements of claims 4 and 32, respectively. Accordingly, amended independent claims 1 and 29 are allowable. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

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CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 17, 18, 24-31, 41 and 45-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Cartledge et al. (US Patent No. 7,175,660). Claims 1 and 29 have been amended to recite elements of allowable claims 4 and 32, respectively. Accordingly, the rejection is moot. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-3, 17, 18, 24-31, 41 and 45-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 3 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Cartledge et al. (US Patent No. 7,175,660) in view of Kilcoyne et al. (US Patent No. 6,689,056). In view of the allowability of claims 1 and 29, claims 3 and 31, which incorporate the elements of amended independent claims 1 and 29, respectively, are allowable over the Cartledge and Kilcoyne references. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 3 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 19, 22-23 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Cartledge et al. (US Patent No. 7,175,660) in view of Imran et al. (US Patent No. 6,535,764). In view of the allowability of claims 1 and 29, claims 19, 22-23 and 42, which incorporate the elements of amended independent claims 1 and 29, respectively, are allowable over the Cartledge and Kilcoyne references. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 19, 22-23 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants assert that the pending claims are allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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